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Letter dated 29 December 2010 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the letter of the representative of Azerbaijan circulated on 21 December 2010 (A/65/601–S/2010/615). It represents, once again, an example of an ongoing, unacceptable smear campaign by Azerbaijan against my country.

By spreading totally groundless information and scenarios authorized by its Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defence, the Azerbaijani representative to the United Nations hinders the proceedings of the annual session of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

It is truly disappointing that, given the important agenda of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, which should be the main focus, the Azerbaijani side instead continues to abuse its privilege of being a Member State of the United Nations by using every opportunity presented to it as such to falsely and unabashedly discredit Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh.

Although responding to the above-mentioned letter, the conclusions and falsity of which are simply preposterous, may give it credence, I find it necessary to note that this circulated propaganda paper amounts to a highly irresponsible attempt at the State level to undermine the ongoing mediation efforts of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Minsk Group Co-Chairs to find a comprehensive and lasting solution for the Nagorno Karabakh issue.

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In contradiction of the spirit of the Minsk Group negotiation process, as well as contrary to basic international documents such as the Charter of the United Nations and the Helsinki Final Act, the Azerbaijani Government, the President himself and his representatives for a long time have been developing and implementing a large-scale propaganda campaign against Armenia and Armenians. Such behaviour of the Azerbaijani authorities creates a serious threat to regional peace and stability.

Armenia, along with the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, continues to be alarmed by the growing wave of the Azerbaijani incursions across the Nagorno Karabakh-Azerbaijan line of contact and its ceasefire violations throughout 2010, resulting in tragic and unnecessary loss of life of both Armenian and Azerbaijani soldiers. Numerous deliberate provocations on the line of contact this year serve as concrete examples of Azerbaijan's insistence on seeking militaristic ways to deal with the Nagorno Karabakh issue.

Furthermore, Azerbaijan continues to reject calls from the Minsk Group Co-Chairs and the United Nations Secretary-General (the most recent made on the sidelines of the OSCE Summit in Astana on 1 December 2010) for the removal of snipers from the line of contact.

In this context, upon instructions from my Government, I draw your attention to the ongoing violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of Azerbaijan, as recorded for the months of November and December 2010 (see annex). Such actions by Azerbaijan put in question its commitment to its obligations under international humanitarian and human rights law and finding a peaceful solution to the Nagorno Karabakh issue.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 34, 39, 66 and 75, and of the Security Council.

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Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex to the letter dated 29 December 2010 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan from 1 November to 1 December 2010

			Firing from Azerbaijani side	
No.	*Direction*	*Date, time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
1.	Dovekh	03.11.10 23.00	Firearm	3
2.	Sevakavan	04.11.10 11.35	Firearm	30
3.	Laligyugh	05.11.10 15.00	Machine gun 12.7 mm	1
4.	Laligyugh	05.11.10 19.30	Firearm	3
5.	Laligyugh	05.11.10 22.40	Firearm	25
6.	Vazashen	06.11.10 14.15	Firearm	1
7.	Sevakavan	07.11.10 22.35	Firearm	5
8.	Bardzruni	07.11.10 23.15	PK	15
9.	Bardzruni	08.11.10 00.15	PK	5
10.	Movses	09.11.10 23.45	Firearm	7
11.	Bardzruni	09.11.10 19.15	Firearm	6
12.	Dovekh	12.11.10 19.30	Firearm	3
13.	Agarak	13.11.10 17.30	Firearm	4
14.	Agarak	13.11.10 17.30	SVD	1

No.	Direction	Date, time	Firing from Azerbaijani side	
			Type of weapon	Ammunition
15.	Berdavan	14.11.10 21.25	Firearm	5
16.	Kuris	14.11.10 12.30	Firearm	9
17.	Agarak	15.11.10 15.00	Firearm	3
18.	Agarak	15.11.10 16.10	Firearm	2
19.	Agarak	17.11.10 10.30	Firearm	6
20.	Agarak	17.11.10 14.40	Firearm	25
21.	Shavarshavan	18.11.10 21.35	Firearm	30
22.	Nerqin Karmiraxbyur	20.11.10 13.30	Firearm	5
23.	Bardzruni	21.11.10 15.00	SVD	3
24.	Agarak	22.11.10 17.25	Firearm	1
25.	Laligyugh	23.11.10 22.00	Firearm	6
26.	Laligyugh	23.11.10 22.00	SVD	4
27.	Aygehovit	23.11.10 23.25	Firearm	25
28.	Lehvaz	23.11.10 08.00	Firearm	30
29.	Agarak	24.11.10 12.00	Firearm	6
30.	Agarak	24.11.10 21.00	Firearm	17
31.	Dovekh	26.11.10 10.55	Firearm	4

			Firing from Azerbaijani side	
No.	*Direction*	*Date, time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
32.	Barekamavan	28.11.10 15.40	Firearm	10
33.	Vazashen	29.11.10 22.00	Firearm	70
34.	Barekamavan	29.11.10 13.05	RPK	2
35.	Barekamavan	29.11.10 15.25	SVD	5
36.	Bardzruni	29.11.10 21.00	SVD	2
37.	Bardzruni	29.11.10 21.00	Firearm	4
38.	Bardzruni	29.11.10 21.25	Firearm	20
39.	Bardzruni	29.11.10 21.25	Sniper weapon 12.7 mm	1
40.	Chinari	30.11.10 11.20	SVD	8
41.	Barekamavan	30.11.10 14.25	Firearm	10

The violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the borderline of Armenia from 1 November to 1 December 2010:

Number of violations: 41
Shots: about 422

PK – (20), SVD — (23), machine gun 12.7 mm — (1), AK – (375), RPK 5.45 mm – (2), sniper weapon 12.7 mm — (1)

The violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the borderline of Nagorno Karabakh from 1 November to 1 December 2010:

Number of violations: 195
Shots: about 1,286

RPG-7 — (8), PK – (35), RPK 5.45 mm – (56), SVD — (102), machine gun 12.7 mm – (25), sniper weapon 12.7 mm — (1), UTYOS-12.7 mm – (11), NSVT — (20), AK – (1,028)

Violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan from 1 December to 26 December 2010

			Firing from Azerbaijani side	
No.	*Direction*	*Date, time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
42.	Berdavan	01.12.10 10.40	AK	3
43.	Khndzorut	01.12.10 11.35	AK	1
44.	Bardzruni	01.12.10 16.45	SV-12.7 mm	1
45.	Chinari	03.12.10 23.25	AK	30
46.	Bardzruni	06.12.10 21.30-22.00	AK	60
47.	Bardzruni	06.12.10 21.30-22.00	SV-12.7 mm	21
48.	Bardzruni	06.12.10 21.30-22.00	SVD	3
49.	Barekamavan	07.12.10 17.55	SV-12.7 mm	2
50.	Bardzruni	07.12.10 09.55	SVD	3
51.	Bardzruni	07.12.10 09.55	RPK	15
52.	Bardzruni	07.12.10 13.50	SVD	4
53.	Bardzruni	07.12.10 13.50	AK	30
54.	Bardzruni	07.12.10 13.50	SV-12.7 mm	1
55.	Barekamavan	08.12.10 11.30	SV-12.7 mm	12
56.	Barekamavan	08.12.10 11.30	PK	17
57.	Barekamavan	08.12.10 11.30	AK	12

No	*Direction*	*Date, time*	*Firing from Azerbaijani side*	
			Type of weapon	*Ammunition*
58.	Barekamavan	08.12.10 14.40	SV-12.7 mm	3
59.	Barekamavan	08.12.10 14.40	PK	16
60.	Barekamavan	08.12.10 14.40	SVD	6
61.	Bakhanis	08.12.10 17.20	RPK	1
62.	Barekamavan	08.12.10 20.35	AK	3
63.	Berqaber	09.12.10 11.30	PK	15
64.	Berqaber	09.12.10 12.00	Machine gun 12.7 mm	5
65.	Berqaber	09.12.10 12.00	PK	10
66.	Berqaber	09.12.10 12.00	AK	15
67.	Bardzruni	10.12.10 02.15	SVD	2
68.	Berdavan	10.12.10 13.30	PK	15
69.	Voskevan	12.12.10 12.00	AK	6
70.	Vazashen	13.12.10 23.30	AK	2
71.	Vazashen	13.12.10 23.30	AK	12
72.	Barekamavan	13.12.10 14.50	SV-12.7 mm	11
73.	Agarak	13.12.10 20.00	AK	4
74.	Vazashen	15.12.10 17.00	SVD	4

			Firing from Azerbaijani side	
No.	*Direction*	*Date, time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
75.	Aygepar	17.12.10 00.10	AK	4
76.	Vazashen	16.12.10 10.40	AK	6
77.	Voskepar	16.12.10 14.40	Machine gun 12.7 mm	2
78.	Voskepar	16.12.10 14.40	PK	15
79.	Agarak	16.12.10 16.00	AK	4
80.	Agarak	16.12.10 22.15	AK	7
81.	Vazashen	17.12.10 15.25	AK	25
82.	Laligyugh	17.12.10 20.15	AK	10
83.	Khndzorut	19.12.10 17.10	AK	2
84.	Khndzorut	19.12.10 17.10	SVD	1
85.	Nerqin Karmirakhbyur	20.12.10 04.10	AK	4
86.	Voskevan	20.12.10 13.40	AK	1
87.	Voskevan	20.12.10 17.15	AK	5
88.	Berdavan	20.12.10 19.40	AK	3
89.	Agarak	20.12.10 19.30	AK	2
90.	Agarak	20.12.10 21.25	AK	3
91.	Agarak	20.12.10 21.45	SVD	1

No.	*Direction*	*Date, time*	*Firing from Azerbaijani side*	
			Type of weapon	*Ammunition*
92.	Agarak	21.12.10 17.15	AK	20
93.	Berdavan	26.12.10 17.30	PK	4

The violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the borderline of Armenia from 1 December to 26 December 2010:

Number of violations: 52
Shots: about 464

PK – (92), SVD — (24), machine gun 12.7 mm — (7), AK – (274), RPK 5.45 mm – (16), sniper weapon 12.7 mm — (51)

The violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the borderline of Nagorno Karabakh from 1 December to 27 December 2010:

Number of violations: 354
Shots: about 2,078

RPG-7 — (2), PK – (186), RPK 5.45 mm – (93), SVD — (180), machine gun 12.7 mm – (15), sniper weapon 12.7 mm — (9), UTYOS-12.7 mm – (13), AK – (1,580).